## Recordings, Captured Maps Show Soviet Involvement at Syria Front

By Alfred Friendly Washington Post Foreign Service JERUSALEM-Tape recordings and an analysis of reports of Israeli soldiers who overheard broadcasts in Russian at the end of the Middle East war show extensive participation by Soviet personnel far forward in Syrian battlefield operations.

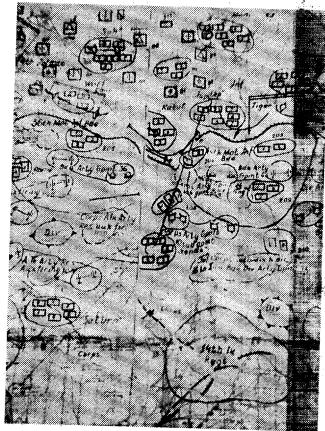
The evidence is reinforced by documents captured by the Israelis at El Quneitra, the Syrian operational headquarters in the last battle for the ridges and high ground dominating Upper Galilee.

The include two maps apparently used by Soviet military advisers to train Syrian artillery units, and a notebook containing pictures of about 60 tussion technicians and their amilies in the area.

On the afternoon of Friday, June 9, I spoke with two Is-Heli groups that had heard the radio transmissions in Rusn. One group was the com-minications center of a for-trad divisional command, by that time a few yards across the border, and the other was military police detail whose feep was by then half a mile mside Syrian territory.

A police sergeant said that that he had been hearing on communications impression was confirmed by even Israeli radio operators, who agreed that what they heared were numbers, single words, occasional full sentences and curses.

The code words and nummay have been directions for blacks are running." the positioning of artillery



MULTI-LANGUAGE MAP—Locations overprinted in Arabic and Russian appear on map captured by Israelis.

radio as "The Jews are coming" and the British and published in sounded like a series of code "The Jews are attacking," indi- February, 1947. They were cating that the operators were overprinted with all hames far enough forward to see what rendered in both Arabic and was happening in the battle.

One overheard sentence, suggesting that the Russians were

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The basic map was then accustomed to refer to their overprinted a second time. in Syrian allies in less than com- French and English. It thus bers, Israeli analysts think, plimentary terms, was: "The contained such an abundance of information on military po-The maps captured at El sitions, command lines, code Quneitra were standard connames and signal and firing The Russian radio operators tour maps, drawn to the scale instructions as almost to ob-chatter included such sentences of 1:100,000, made of Israel by literate what was below.